

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
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storic Name Whitman House

e: Present residential

Original residential

DESCRIPTION:

te 1956

Source owner

Style Contemporary

Architect Carl Koch

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings playhouse in Techbuilt

style

Major alterations (with dates) east

(rear) end extended by 12 feet and entry

added to north side (1960s)

Moved Date

Approx. acreage 35050 ft.²

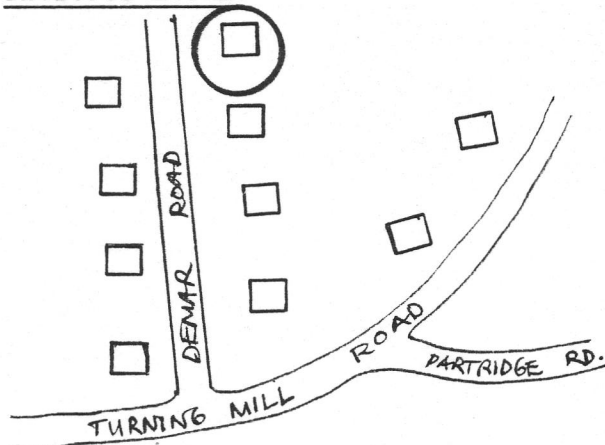
Setting In a 1950s development of

Techbuilt houses; natural setting of

woods, rock outcroppings.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

This house was built speculatively as a model home in this development of Techbuilt houses. It incorporates the features developed by Carl Koch to reduce cost, preserve natural setting, and yet provide excellent design and possibility for long-term occupancy through rearrangement of existing space (see area form). The design, almost classical in its simplicity, is characterized by regular divisions marking the edges of the semi-prefabricated modules, bands of windows set off by slim projecting moldings, and a low pitch roof with broad overhang.

HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

The house is occupied by the original owners: Robert Whitman, a professor, and his wife Elizabeth, an interior designer. They remain enthusiastic about the Techbuilt design and have rearranged and extended the house so that, as predicted by Carl Koch, it has over the years served the changing needs of their family.

(Sold by the Whitmans in 1988)

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